

# Be cautious of your faith

During your respite in the  
Lands of Kufr

The revival of The Islamic State didn't come out spontaneously. Rather, for its revival, Allah brought about certain circumstances. And He brought about people, who will give victory to His religion by His Leave. And after that, what we saw were great sacrifices.

The sacrifices of the Mujāhidīn who embarked out for the sake of Allah's religion. They left the world, and their families, while seeking that their bodies be torn apart. And by the Grace of Allah, these Mujāhidīn's blood brought about its honor and glory for the Ummah. And after this, and after going through many challenges, the Islamic State was open for the world to see.

The dead hearts were revived by the announcement of the Islamic State, which compelled many to research more about Islam. This announcement brought to light the lies of the evil scholars who had twisted the religion of Islam. And it became apparent that the fruits of Jihad would come about, not long after a people tread this path. In the Maldives, the correct 'Aqīdah and Manhaj are considered to be mostly something strange.

However, when the Islamic State was revived, many people opened their eyes to reality, just like how it happened elsewhere in the world. Thus, they became eager to live under the Khilafah's shade. And many Maldivians made Hijrah to the blessed Khilafah to give victory to Allah's religion. What we saw then was that many of the brothers and sisters who associated themselves with the Islamic State were in search of a way to make Hijrah. And one would see their Īman was flourishing, an Īman which required the recitation of a single Verse to fill their eyes with tears.

Then followed the tests, which would certainly come about from the Sunnah of Allah. For if one says he has believed, then the next thing that is most close to him is being tested. Allah Ta'ālā Said: **"Do the people think that they will be left to say, "We believe" and they will not be tried? But We have certainly tried those before them, and Allah will surely make evident those who are truthful, and He will surely make evident the liars."** (al-Ankabūt 2-3)

One of the biggest reasons why people are tested is to separate those truthful from the liars. And to purify the ranks





of the Muslims from the Munāfiqīn. Therefore, the greater the tests are, the greater the purification of the ranks of the Muslims.

As per the Sunnah of Allah, the Lord of the Ālamīn, the Islamic State was also tested. And the Munāfiqīn who hid within the cover of the State were exposed, and the ranks were further purified. These tests were even affecting the Ansar of the State in the Maldives. And they have had to wait without making Hijrah even if it was temporary. Months and years have passed after this. And it would greatly benefit that every Muwahhid accounts the Īman in his heart, and how much his certainty and reliance upon Allah has changed.

One of the biggest reasons it is obligatory to make Hijrah from Kufr lands to the lands of Islam is to preserve one's 'Aqīdah. And to safeguard himself from adhering to the Dunyā, and dislike for death. And to protect oneself, while fearing the possibility of being inclined to much-publicized false desires, and to paths that leads to Hellfire. Having to live in the lands of Kufr is undoubtedly a great humiliation. And if one does not exert himself into fleeing from such lands, or from striving to drive out the Kuffar and Murtaddīn from these lands, he might face serious consequences, both in the Dunyā and the Ākhirah.

In times of tribulation, the best way to steadfastness for brothers and sisters in Kufr lands such as the Maldives is to remain as a Jamā'ah. In addition to this, make sure that your closest friends are upon the same 'Aqīdah as you. And also, increasing your presence in gatherings where Allah is remembered much.

Gatherings of remembrance are no doubt something that will bring about significant benefits. So, take some time for such gatherings, either during the day or night. And those brothers with wives and children should increase such gatherings in their household. As increasing the state of one's Īman, preparing one's self for the path of Hijrah and Jihad is not only for men.

Apart from the purification of the soul, another matter that will prevent you from forgetting your purpose is not being negligent of the affairs of the Ummah. Therefore, whenever two people of this path meet, the Islamic State's affairs should come up. Moreover, the subject of Muslims who are suffering, and the affairs of prisoners from among our brothers and sisters should be remembered too.

A critical issue to be highlighted about some brothers and sisters who attribute themselves to the Islamic State is, that sadly, when they are asked about the Muslim Ummah, or the prisoners, or the recent instructions, news, and speeches from the Islamic State, they don't have any clue about it. This unfamiliarity is undoubtedly disappointing. And how much effort is exerted by the Shar'ī, and the brothers in the media to prepare articles of knowledge, books, and magazines released by the Islamic State on major issues of this Ummah?

For the brothers and sisters residing in Kufr lands, such as the Maldives, you are also advised to enjoin good and forbid

evil, publicly and privately, and even within your households. How many times have we seen a certain brother engaging in wrongful activities, yet the remaining choosing to be silent over it? How many times do we backbite, talking about a brother in his absence, while he is, in fact, someone who might accept it if given advice? It is undoubtedly a sign of weak Īman if the forbidding of evil doesn't happen between the brothers and sisters upon the same 'Aqīdah. Also, it is more likely that such people have gathered for a worldly reason or benefit rather than having gathered for the Pleasure of Allah. Therefore, forbid evil in the way as taught in Islam. If you see any wrong, advise them privately.

However, if there is a benefit, advise them publicly. In addition to this, the good should be enjoined too. Therefore, advise each other regarding the voluntary prayers and fasting, the night prayer, and spending in Allah's cause, all of which are known to be qualities of those who have surpassed us in the battlefields.

The final advice is regarding the reinforcement of the social relationship between the brothers and sisters. We should keep in mind that there will only be a few who will sincerely provide support for the brothers and sisters who enjoin the correct Manhaj during their times of distress and affliction in lands of Kufr. Therefore, when your Muslim brother is in need, hasten to help him. The Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said: **"The Muslim is the brother of his fellow Muslim; he does not wrong him or let him down. The one who meets the needs of his brother, Allah will meet his needs. Whoever relieves a Muslim of distress, Allah will relieve him of distress on the Day of Resurrection."** (al-Bukhārī 2442 / Muslim 2580).

Helping the Muslims in need also increases the bond that was made only for the Pleasure of Allah. Helping also includes checking on the families of the prisoners and helping them with whatever you can.

Without a shadow of a doubt, if you don't work towards the purification of the soul, being aware the affairs of the Ummah, enjoining good and forbidding evil, and from helping each other during the time you are held in the lands of Kufr, then Nifāq, adherence to Dunyā and darkness of sins may be collected within your heart without you realizing it. And by the time the door of Hijrah has opened once again, your heart may be sick with all these sicknesses. And you might end up bringing nothing but excuses from your tongue, the day you are suddenly required to stand in the ranks of the Muslim army or to set out in the path of Allah.

So be cautious of this, and bring yourself to account, and be ready, for a time when the Ummah is suddenly in need of you, while you were unexpected of it. And cure your heart of diseases of Nifāq and sins. And your tongues, from words, that there is no good after you have uttered it. And fear Allah, knowing that it is you, and only yourself, that you will have to account for on the Day of Judgement. Thus, we seek refuge in Allah, the Lord of the Ālamīn.

